

Hagerstown, Md.

Yesterday (Nov. 17) was a "red letter day" for the Hagerstown church. We had the pleasure of receiving into the membership of the congregation ten persons; five of them by baptism and five by letter. Those received by letter were Dr. Fahrney, wife and daughter, and T. J. Fahrney and wife. Brother T. J. Fahrney was at one time a member of the National Mission Board and has been for years an active church worker. Dr. Fahrney is a practicing physician and is a relative of the well known Dr. Peter Fahrney of Chicago. The addition of these brethren and sisters to our number is a source of gratification and encouragement to both the pastor and the congregation.

Our revival services began with a love feast and communion. Tho some of our members were absent, some unavoidably and others, it is to be feared, from choice, yet the attendance on the whole was good, there being ninety-six communicants. Of these, quite a number came from St. James, Md., and among them brother Joshua Long, pastor of the St. James church. The communion was, I think, a good preparation for the revival services which followed. It is better to use the communion as a means for the spiritual quickening of the membership and to fit the church for earnest aggressive work in rescuing and saving lost men, than to employ the revival meeting as a means to fit the church for communion.

Our meetings were not largely attended. I suppose each member who should have attended the services regularly and did not, had an excuse which seemed to him a good and sufficient one, and doubtless many thought they would not much be missed. Yet it is true that no human element enters so largely into the work of drawing men to Christ as the manifestation of loyalty and interest, and the cultivation of a feeling of genuine, warm, hearty enthusiasm on the part of the church.

This interest and loyalty and enthusiasm were by no means lacking in our meeting, but I speak of the matter here because the average church member is prone to underestimate the importance of a full and regular attendance of the membership as a means of promoting a revival.

Just before our meeting we received three members by relation from the German Baptist church. (I speak of the church from which they came simply that my readers may know why they came by relation instead of by baptism.) Eight were received by baptism, five by letter and three by relation, making a total of sixteen additions to the congregation. We give praise to God.

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

Ruddle, W. Va.

My husband and myself were on a two weeks' tour to the beautiful Valley of Virginia, where we had the pleasure of meeting a young Mr. Fadley, who was willing to follow the footsteps of Jesus and be baptized just before the Love Feast at Bethlehem which was conducted by Bro. Joe I. Hall and T. Good. It was a glorious meeting for every thing moved along in harmony with the blessed commands of our Master, and we also met with many brethren and sisters who were zealous and generous in all good works, and there were members from Pennsylvania with us who donated six dollars to the S. S. C. E. The society is in a working condition, and there are intelligent girls and boys who assist them in the good work and are so much needed in Christ's service that they ought to confess him and all walk hand in hand with the children of God.

There are those who compliment the Massanutta Peak as a grand scenery, but we think that the Massanutta Cave is far superior for it is enough to hold any one in amazement. There were sixteen of us who visited the Cave and we were more than surprised to see the grandeur and beauty of nature which is hidden under the earth. We then returned to the hospitable homes of brothers Joe and George Halls who treat all with kindness.

We also visited The University of Virginia and Monticello Park where Thomas Jefferson's home and burial is, a grand scenery to many visitors. We then visited the Deaf and Dumb Institute and the Assylum at Staunton where we were made to feel thankful that the poor unfortunate creatures have such a beautiful home

MRS. J. C. HAMMER.

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